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Hutchinson, Kimball residents sentenced for selling meth

A 40-year-old Kimball man, the last of three defendants connected to a trio distributing the highly addictive and dangerous drug methamphetamine, was sentenced this week in federal court.

Kelly Paul Peterson was sentenced May 5 in Minneapolis by United States District Court Judge Donovan Frank to one year and one day in prison and three years of supervised release on one count of aiding and abetting distribution of methamphetamine.

Two other defendants were sentenced on April 21. Scott Orris Rolla, 48, Hutchinson, was sentenced to 108 months in prison and five years of supervised release on one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Linda Faye Otteson, 44, Hutchinson, was sentenced to three years probation on one count of aiding and abetting distribution of methamphetamine. All three defendants were charged in a superseding indictment on Oct. 1, 2007, and all three pleaded guilty in early January to their respective charges.

According to their respective plea agreements, Otteson and Peterson knowingly and intentionally aided and abetted the unlawful distribution of approximately 8 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. Rolla knowingly and intentionally conspired and agreed with others to possess, with intent to distribute, and to distribute 50 or more grams of methamphetamine.

The three were arrested on May 17, 2007, following an arranged "controlled purchase" of 8 grams of methamphetamine. Police executed a search warrant at Peterson's residence and recovered approximately 4 grams of methamphetamine. A related search of Rolla's apartment, yielded approximately 120 grams of methamphetamine, drug trafficking paraphernalia and \$6,800 in cash.

"This investigation exemplifies the outstanding working relationships between federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to eradicate drug distribution networks and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Minnesota," said Dan Moren assistant special agent in charge for the Drug Enforcement Administration's Minneapolis District Office.

This case was the result of an investigation by the DEA, the Hutchinson Police Department and the Southwest Metro Minnesota Drug Task Force. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Andrew Dunne and Kimberly Svendsen.